



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07303.0064-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Martin LEE et al.) Group Art Unit: 2851
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Serial No.: 09/773,818) Examiner: H. Nguyen
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Filed: February 2, 2001)
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For: AIR BEARING ASSEMBLY)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2003, the period for reply having been extended three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between

Group I, claims 1-37, drawn to a stage device;

Group II, claims 38-42, drawn to an exposure apparatus; and

Group III, claims 43-48, drawn to a method of positioning a stage.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-37, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 12, 2004

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